GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:332
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
CENSUS - 2001
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the census operations have been completed in the country:

(b) if so, whether converted Christians have been excluded from the category of Scheduled Caste in the census;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite their being no religious bar all tribals are not being included in the category of Scheduled Tribe; and

(d) if so, the facts and the reasons thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.332 DUE ANSWER ON 20.03.2001

(a): Yes, Sir. The Population Enumeration at the Census of India, 2001, has already been completed throughout the country except in certain areas of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh affected due to natural calamities.

(b): No question was asked at the Census of India, 2001, to ascertain whether a person is a converted Christian or otherwise.The Scheduled Caste population in each State and Union territory was enumerated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 as amended from time to time which inter-alia provides for recording of the Scheduled Castes amongst the Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists only.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. At the Census of India, 2001, the Scheduled Tribe population for each State and Union territory has been enumerated in accordance with the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 as amended from time to time. The Schedule Tribes can belong to any religion.